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1. An undetermined number of soldiers, billeting equipment and 11 trucks were unloaded from 34 freight cars at the Oberswalde (N 53/V 08) railroad station at 7 a.m. on 26 August 1950. The troops allegedly went to the Schuetzen Kaserne.

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2. On 26 and 27 August 1950 engineer troops in Rossau-Weinsdorf took down the telephone line running from the engineer training area to the barracks.

3. A workman in the barracks said that the engineer troops would move to another post in September 1950 and that all officers, dependents and craftsmen there would move to the settlement. The 1,500 troops who had previously been stationed in the barracks would return from Luckenwalde (N 53/Z 70) in the first week in September 1950. **

4. On 27 August 1950 engineer and artillery troops bivouacked in the woods in the Luko-Muehlstaedt-Sienetz area. Three tanks were seen south of Weinsdorf (N 52/S 17), driving toward Thiessen, and seven tanks with 88-mm guns were in the woods west of Luko. Heavy truck traffic with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia was observed on the Weinsdorf-Thiessen-Mundeluft highway.

* Comment. Compare with information of the same period supplied by other

** Comment. If the engineer units of the GDR leave Rossau in September 1950 it is not known whether they will leave only temporarily for field exercises or whether they will be assigned to a new post. It would not be reasonable for the former German engineer school with its highly suitable training grounds not to be occupied by engineer units. A previous report stated that the elements of the 7th Jds Tank Div would return to their post in Rossau on 5 October 1950.

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[redacted] the troops were elements of the 7th Gds Tank Div which had previously been at their home station to train recruits and were engaged in a small-scale field exercise.

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